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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Year 2000 efforts. We receive inquiries and requests such as your's from hundreds of companies asking us to sign their specific Year 2000 compliance forms. Because of the number and variety of requests, it has been our policy to issue our response in the form of a standard letter. If you feel that more information is required, please feel free to contact us.

The OSHPD and the State of California recognize that the Year 2000 problem is a serious one, which may affect ongoing operations. In an effort to address this issue, the OSHPD has implemented an aggressive program to remediate and/or upgrade its current systems to assure their operation before, at and after the Millennium. That effort has received the active support of our Legislature, Governor Davis and the Department of Information Technology. With the assistance of experienced outside contractors, we have completed a great deal of work to accomplish our compliance and expect that state agencies will have undertaken testing of many of their mission critical systems by the fourth quarter of this year. The Department of Information Technology has also implemented a plan to assist state entities to oversee their Year 2000 programs in an effort to enable them to meet their Year 2000 challenges successfully.

The OSHPD also recognizes that there are serious questions regarding the impact of embedded chip failures in equipment purchased and used by the state. As a purchaser of such equipment from a variety of sources, the state has implemented a comprehensive plan to obtain assurances from our suppliers that their equipment will be Year 2000 compliant and will not pose a significant safety risk to our citizens. Further, we have implemented a comprehensive program to assure that prospective purchases from the suppliers to the state will be Year 2000 compliant.

The Department of Information Technology, OSHPD, and the State of California are committed to minimizing the impact of the Year 2000 problem on its citizens. For more information regarding the Year 2000 effort being undertaken by the State of California, we invite you to visit the Department of Information Technology website at [www.doit.ca.gov](http://www.doit.ca.gov), which provides a more detailed statement of the state's Year 2000 programs. For more information specific to OSHPD, please contact Diana Cassady at (916) 324-0589 or [dcassady@oshpd.cahwnet.gov](mailto:dcassady@oshpd.cahwnet.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Diana Cassady'.

Diana Cassady  
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